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PRAYER IN CRISIS

Almighty God, who has ordained that perfection of character should be attained only through suffering; whose Providence is kindly, yet leads us toward a cross; in whose kingdom pain, sorrow, struggle, failure and death are not enemies but trusted servants; help us to know Thee now, to practice Thy presence now. May we look to Thee in the hour of our need as we have learned to do when there seemed no need. We would work and worship now to show ourselves approved unto God. We would enlist our habits as allies. We would acquaint ourselves with Thy healing touch that in the valley of shadow we may walk unafraid. We would store our minds with Christian philosophy and our hearts with Christian faith, that we may have calm and serenity in the crisis, strength in the strain, triumph amid our tears and an inner light when the sun is past our seeing. Grant us, then these virtues and pursuits now that in the time of our testing we may not utterly fail. So would we pray and live through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—written by Rev. Robert M. Kennan,
First Congregational Church, Yakima.

News of the Churches

FERNDALE, UNITED . . .

Rev. Gene Albertson reports a special Spiritual Life Mission at the United Church the week of February 1–6. Rev. Raymond H. Blanton of Pateros, Washington was the leader of this mission which was sponsored by the Methodist churches west of the Cascades.

The monthly newssheet of the United Church reports activities of the various organizations and plans for the Lenten observances.

TACOMA, FIRST . . .

The high school and young adult Rhythmic Choirs of First Church under the leadership of Mrs. Chester Fisk are making valuable contributions to this area. On January 25 the P.F. group sponsored a program featuring Mrs. Mutsu Honuna of the Japanese Baptist Church of Seattle interpreting hymns and carols with the rhythmic choir of her church.

On February 22 mrs. Fisk gave a lecture on Religious Dance Music in the early church and the present day at the Henry Art Gallery of the University of Washington. On February 28, the high school and young adult choirs of First church presented a program at the Cornish Theatre in Seattle.

Mrs. Fisk's article in the current issue of The International Journal of Religious Education tells of the values of this work with young people.

ODESSA, English . . .

Rev. F. Wm. Westwood reported that the largest attendance during January was on Youth Sunday when several of the young people parti pated in the morning service, well as attending a special yo rally in Spokane in the afternoon.

Investigations are also be made as to the possibilities creating additional facilities for t church school, either through modeling of the present plant additional units.

WASHOUGAL . . .

Spearheaded by the deacons of church, a special Church Memb ship Revival is taking place at Washougal church during Lent. volved in the program is an atte ance check each Sunday, wee mail contacts of the membersh telephone calls and personal cal Rev. George Skaret of Lewist conducted a one week series Lenten evangelistic services fr February 22 to February 27th. the program continues, the pas of the church, Vincent Stageberg delivering special Lenten messag each Sunday to tie in with the ov all program.

IONE and METALINE FALLS . .

The two churches now serv under the yoked ministry of C Baird, voted at their annual me ings to seek a second minister un a plan worked out by committe from both congregations, under whi each man would work half time local employment and minister one church only. The plan is se as a temporary measure, look forward to the time when each chur is in a position to support a f time minister of its own. A can date is now being sought.

tle, PLYMOUTH . . .

Martin L. Goslin

mbers of Plymouth Church are ing forward to the arrival of new minister and his wife and y shortly after Easter. Dr. Mar- . Goslin who is leaving First regational Church of Evanston, to take the Seattle pulpit, is duled to preach his first sermon lymouth Church Sunday, April The Goslins have lived in ston for the past five years. e are five children in the fami-

fore going to Evanston church Goslin served the following ches: Methodist Episcopal, Mus- Okla., First Congregational ch of Charlestown, Mass., Pine- Community and Dale Communi- urches, Billerica, Mass., North regational Church at Newton, ., and Franklin Street Church anchester, New Hampshire. He also been a worker for the Boston City Missionary Society.

Dr. Goslin was educated at the University of Oklahoma, the Boston University School of Theology and Graduate School, and studied abroad at Edinburgh University and Oxford.

He taught for several years at the Graduate School of Theology in Boston University, and in 1944 served as interim professor of New Testament at the Andover Newton Theological School. For many years he has served the denomination as a member of the Seminar on Worship, created by the General Council, and as a member of the Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life. He has always taken an active part in conference and religious education work.

Two former Seattle ministers were Dr. Goslin's predecessors—Allen Lorimer who served the church at Manchester, New Hampshire; and Dr. Hugh Elmer Brown of Pilgrim who served the Evanston church for some 30 years.

We look forward to having the Goslins within the fellowship of the Washington Conference.

YAKIMA . . .

The Rev. Robert Kennan reports a most gratifying annual meeting of First Congregational church. There was a record attendance and the accomplishments of the church in 1952 were reported. Three items were of special significance—the church has been repainted, the kitchen completely renovated, and the budget subscribed, and 75 new members. Looking toward 1953 and the opportunities of service, the church voted approval of the church building loan fund campaign and accepted its share in this great cause.

Mrs. Helen Dean and Mrs. Robert Kennan taught in the Yakima Leadership Training School this winter.

THE CHURCH AS COUNSELOR

Rev. John C. Hanchett

One of the weaknesses of the church is it's loss of contact with people. As society is more completely and democratically organized the church is in danger of becoming one of many organizations competing for membership and support. As the many competing demands pull the individual off balance the need of guidance becomes acute "What, indeed, is God's will for me?" becomes more and more the pressing question. This question cannot be answered by special organizations—however noble their purposes—or by families and friends—however wise. The answer logically should be sought with the help of the institution consecrated to God's services—the Christian Church.

This, then, is the meaning and purpose of the guidance and counseling program of the University Congregational Church, Seattle. The program of guidance grew out of needs of young people and ad who came to the ministers seek help. "What is God's will for m was asked many times by seek for guidance on occupational personal problems. In the past years approximately fifty yo people of school age have ta 500 tests. In the same time adults have taken a thousand tes

The tests are of three gen types (a) interest (b) general special aptitude and (c) personal Only standard tests from establis and competent laboratories are us

No one person can be an ex in every field of counseling. ministers of the church carry heavy burden in the areas of j sonality problems, especially m riage counseling. Among the chu members are skilled teachers, d tors, lawyers, and business pe who contribute from the wealth their experience. The director the program is Dr. Edwin B. Steve emeritus professor of education and director of guidance at University of Washington.

The role of the ministers i that of

1. Offering genuine, Christia friendship in a relaxed, in formal atmosphere.
2. Assisting the individual c individuals (particularly i the case of family conflic to make objective and rathe comprehensive evaluation c the results indicated in th testing program.
3. Helping the individual t "open doors" through whic he may look at the variou alternatives open to him.

. Making available the great resources to be found in the Christian faith and in the institution of the Christian Church and, specifically, to suggest areas in which the individual can find help.
. Assisting, in cases of vocational problems, in making a transfer from one vocation to another.
6. Making referrals to psychologist and/or psychiatrist in instances where such need is indicated.
7. Primarily, to help the individual to think through, often in the spirit of earnest prayer, his areas of need and to make possible in him faith that a solution can and will be reached.

COST OF PROGRAM

The church works in cooperation with physicians, psychiatrists, guidance icers of the schools and colleges, the veteran's administration, and vernment and industrial agencies. It does not attempt to duplicate but her to make available these services as they may be needed. The follow- are the fees:

Adult members of the church	$ 5.00
Adults, non-members	10.00
High School Age	
Members of the Church School . . .	no fee
Member of Church families but not members of church school	$ 2.50
Others of high school age	5.00

Questions and Answers About Program

How many different tests are in active use?	45
Of these how many measure interest	4
How many measure general intelligence?	6
How many measure special aptitudes?	25
How many measure personality traits?	10
Are these standard tests, the work of competent experts?	yes
Are these largely paper and pencil tests which are simple to administer and easy to take?	yes
Can the scores be explained in non-technical language?	yes
Do persons usually benefit from answering the questions?	yes
Are the scores reliable?	yes
Do the scores have a high degree of validity?	yes
How many tests does a person take before counseling begins?	4
How many tests does a person take?	From 8 to 20

MORE THAN AN EMERGENCY

People by the millions in many parts of the world suffer—fathers, mothers, little children, the lonely and the abandoned. They are hungry, sick, persecuted, destitute, nearly naked, cold, afraid, bitter, bewildered, abused neglected. Living as we do, it is almost beyond our capacity to imagine, except briefly and intermittently, the situation of these people—much less understand it. Yet they are part of our world—the world in which God has appointed us to live. We do well to recognize this fact, and adjust our Christian living to it.

Since 1948 Relief and Reconstruction has been an integral part of Our Christian World Mission. It part of our response to humani cry for help. Each year as a of this program our fellowship pa cipates in the ONE GREAT HO OF SHARING.

Major areas covered by the 1 appeal on Sunday, March 8, will India, Korea, the Near East Central Europe. Emergency re is urgently needed to relieve fering in these areas. More t $7,000,000.00 will be required t year for this work. Make your in the ONE GREAT HOUR SHARING so that the work of Christian World Mission may forward. This is what your contri tion could do:

$40 will run a school in Lebanon for 160 Arab children for a week.
$25 provides scholarship help to support one student at College Cever France, for one month.
$15 buys a suit of clothes for a Japanese pastor.
$5 gives a glass of milk a day for 8 refugee children for a month.
$2 ships 24 pounds of clothing overseas.
$1.25 will supply vitamins for a refugee child or adult for 50 days.
$1 will provide enough rice to give 9 Koreans a serving a day for two wee
$1 makes it possible to vaccinate 25 cave dwellers in Naples agai tuberculosis.

"In as much as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethen, have done it unto me."

Time to SHARE

UNITED APPEAL

FOR RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION

March 8, 1953

SPOKES IN THE WHEEL

Mrs. W. R. Ruston

The Women's Fellowship work in the conference of Washington and Northern Idaho may be compared to a wheel. A wheel is made up of a rim, spokes and a hub. Let's call the hub God or Christ, the rim, our Women's Fellowship and the spokes connecting the two, our various departments of work. One of the spokes is Friendly Service, one Christian Social Action, one Spiritual Life, another Missionary Education, another Stewardship, and another Christian Education. Each one of these spokes is very important to the proper running of this wheel. Each is supporting the rim and each is deeply seated in the hub of Christ's teachings.

My particular spoke in this wheel is Christian Education. For years our women's organizations have carried on programs of Christian Education. It is not a new movement. Jesus was a teacher. Our modern movement of Christian Education has its roots founded in these teachings of Jesus. We have the responsibility of carrying on this movement and making it more effective.

It begins with ME. How important is it to you? Hardly a day goes by that you aren't called upon to make some important decision or face a vital problem. Each of us should be prepared to make these decisions and solve these problems according to Christian principles. As a woman, you are the home maker and whether your home is Christian depends largely on your guidance. The home is far ahead of other character forming agencies. Too often the Christian education of the child is left up to the one or two hours that he

gets at church school. Do you know what your child is being taught in church school? Are you following through during the week so what he has learned on Sunday becomes a way of life for him every day? We need a closer cooperation between church school and parents.

What can our Women's groups do? Co-operate with the Christian Education committee of your church. Ask them what you can do to strengthen and expand their program. Seek to know the needs of your church and help meet them. Teach in the church school. Assume definite responsibility in the work of your church. Be sure your women's programs have purpose and that their activities accomplish this. Improve your churchmanship by having study groups on specific topics of Christian Education.

Let's begin with ourselves, enriching our own lives in order that we may enrich the lives of others. Begin by reading and studying the Bible, Bible commentaries, and the many good books that are available today. We must grow in vision, purpose, friendliness and love. If we do, our lives will be more fruitful in our homes, in our communities and through out the world.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2:15.

News Briefs

Dr. and Mrs. Archie Hook and Mrs. Clarence Murday were among the members of the Puerto Rican Study Tour from February 2—13. The tour was sponsored by the American Missionary Association. Highlights of the tour included the Ryder Memorial Hospital in San Juan; Housing projects and hospital at Humacao; the Evangelical Seminary at San Jose; and the Rural Life Center and Clinic at Yuquiyu.

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Rev. R. Norris Wilson, Associate Minister of The Missions Council, visited our conference on February 7. He met with the members of Our Christian World Mission Committee and spoke to a luncheon meeting for men at the Y.M.C.A.

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David King, a senior at Andover-Newton Seminary, will visit our conference from March 27—30 in behalf of United Student Fellowship. Mr. King is returning from a meeting of the Central Committee of the World Student Christian Federation at Nasrapu, Poona District, India. Following this meeting he continued around the world visiting mission stations of The American Board. His visit in our conference will be with the students of Pilgrim Club at the University of Washington; Java Club at First Congregational Church, Walla Walla; and Pilgrim Club, Pullman.

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First Congregational Church, Tacoma, will be hosts to the annual conference of Pilgrim Fellowship the weekend of April 17—19.

Dean Edward H. Lauer, moderator of our Conference, was elected President of the Seattle Council of Churches at its annual meeting in February. Dean Lauer is the first layman in 12 years to serve in this capacity.

Churches in Northern Idaho are expecting visits from Dean Lauer this month. He plans to be at Wallace, Mullan, Kellogg, Plummer, Worley, and Priest River.

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Area meetings of the Women's Fellowship will be held as follows this month:

March 16	**Seattle, Green Lake Church**
March 17	**Ferndale**
March 18	**Aberdeen**
March 19	**Washougal**
March 20	**Lower Naches**
March 23	**Pasco**
March 24	**Lewiston**
March 25	**Odessa**
March 26	**Newport**
March 27	**Mullan**

WORK CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

The following work camp opportunities for college age young people are available this summer under Congregational Christian sponsorship.

Elbowoods, North Dakota.
July 5—August 15; project: construction, with Indians from Fort Berthold Reservation, of Indian church being relocated because of construction of Garrison Dam. Cost not yet determined.

Swannanoa, North Carolina.
July 5—August 15; project: construction of Dining Hall building at the interracial summer conference center of the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen. Cost; $40, room and board; $2, insurance; scholarship help available.

Puerto Rico, Humacao.
June 23—August 3; project: building playground for Ryder Hospital and surrounding community; cost $200 transportation expenses from New York.

Europe
July and August; projects: construction, reconstruction, road-building, ditch-digging in the following countries: Austria, Belgium, England, Germany, Greece, Holland, Italy. Cost, $600—650.

California
Foreign Fruit Project; July—August.

Where to Apply:
For projects in this country, Rev. Henry Rust, 14 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass. International projects: Rev. Joseph Howell, 110 East 29th Street, New York 10, New York.

Laymen's Fellowship

SCHOOLS OF CHURCHMANSHIP:

March 1 Spokane, Westminste Church
March 8 Vancouver, First Con gregational Church
March 15 Seattle, Fauntlero Church
March 22 Bellingham, Firs Congregationa Church

Theme: "The Stewardship of Ou Heritage"

Time: 2:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Cost: Registration and dinner— $2 per person

INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP

GOOD FELLOWSHIP

INSTRUCTIVE SEMINARS

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LAYMEN'S RETREATS:

April 18—19 Camp N-Sid-Sen on Lake Coeur d'Alene
April 25—26 Camp Waskowitz a North Bend

All laymen of the Conference are urged to attend these retreats for real worthwhile Christian fellowship and inspiration.

Cost: $4.50 per person

Make reservations with Mr. Fred Hockert, chairman of Laymen's Fellowship; Carnation, Washington.

VANCOUVER ENTERTAINS CONFERENCE

Members of the First Congregational Church, Vancouver, Washington, are looking forward to entertaining the annual meeting of the Washington Congregational Christian Conference on May 5-6-7. Work parties have been at work this year giving some of the facilities a "new look" in preparation for the sessions. Delegates to the Conference will be entertained by a church that has had an interesting history, and today is offering a vital ministry to the community—the readiness of the community to such a ministry is evidenced by the response of the membership of 109 in 1947 when the present minister was called to the present membership of 510.

First Church has been a stalwart champion for human rights, ethics on local government, with many of the membership the guiding forces in most outstanding social organizations in the community. Concern for local church and local community has not blinded the congregation to wider needs. During the recent period of rapid growth the church has assumed larger responsibility for Our Christian World Mission. In 1934, the church contributed $65 to benevolences. Present giving has passed the $2,000 mark.

Here is one church that is ever mindful and deeply appreciative of the assistance given by the state conference and the Church Building Loan Society. Without this aid, writes the minister, Dr. Wade L. Carter, and the "divine stubbornness" of the membership, there would not be a state conference in Vancouver this May.

Wade L. Carter

First Congregational Church was organized in 1891 with the assistance of a Rev. Cephas Class of the Home Missions Board, and was known as Pilgrim Congregational Church. According to the church historian of those days, "In 1897, a meeting of the congregation concluded that the moving of 'influential and best-paying members to other localities necessitated the temporary closing of the church as of March 1, 1897.' The vote was taken and stood at 12—3 in favor of disbanding, and so ended the first lesson."

The church was re-organized in November, 1906. Two lots were

purchased, the present site of the church, and were paid for by the Ladies Aid Society. In 1909 the congregation proceeded to plan a building. The building was completed in 1910 at a cost of $27,000. A grant mortgage from the Church Building Society made it possible for the church to be built.

Eleven ministers have served the church since its re-organization in 1909. These include Rev. Paul Van Horn, Carnation, and Rev. William Westwood, Odessa.

Other interesting highlights include a vote of the congregation in 1919 to assume $120 toward the monthly pastor's salary; 83 members on the rolls in 1920; 102 members in 1931; budget of $2,195 and membership of 108 in 1941; 109 members in July 1947, when the present pastor was called and membership today of 510.

Present Program

A ministry for all ages is evidenced in the present program of the church, including active fellowship groups for women, men, couple's groups, church school teachers, and youth fellowship groups. A Church Council group meets each month and co-ordinates the various activities of the church.

The Pilgrim Fellowship groups distinguished themselves this fall with their participation in the Work Day for Christ. The story of their activities was featured in a recent issue of Advance magazine. Pictures included, taken by Harvey Davis of Seattle, show something of this experience.

The School for Service held each winter, meeting on Sunday evenings, is another of the church's contributions in the adult education program. These sessions are designed to assist interested persons in learning effective ways of Christian service.

Youth fellowship responds with a spirit of dedication

Declarations of Purpose
Received as of February 10.

Kellogg, Idaho
Lewiston Orchards, Idaho
Plummer, Idaho
Wallace, Idaho
Worley, Idaho
Anacortes
Arlington
Bellingham
Blaine
Carnation
Cathlamet
Cheney
Colfax, German
Dayton
Dryden, First
Endicott, German
Everett
Ferndale, United
Kelso-Longview, Finnish
Kirkland
LaCrosse, German
Lind, German
Malden, Community
Marlin, German
Monroe
Odessa, United
Pasco
Peshastin
Pullman
Ritzville, Philadelphia
Ritzville, Zion
Seattle, Columbia
Seattle, Fairmount
Seattle, Fauntleroy
Seattle, Japanese
Seattle, Magnolia
Seattle, Olivet
Tacoma, Plymouth
Walla Walla, First
Walla Walla, German
Wapato, German
Warden, Community
Washougal
White Salmon
Yakima